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Community Meetings Set for Septic Tank Pump-Out Program

SUFFOLK, VA (May 5, 2010) The Department of Planning and Community Development will host Community meetings on the Septic Tank Pump-Out Program Thursday, May 6 at 7 pm & Tuesday, May 11 at 7 pm at Mt. Zion Elementary School Auditorium, 3264 Pruden Blvd. Zone 2 is located W of Godwin Blvd, N of Rte 58 Bypass, along Pruden Boulevard W to Isle of Wight county line, including Joshua Lane & Old Myrtle Road to the south.

Approximately two-thirds of the City is located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Within this watershed, the City has assigned five (5) zones for compliance which will be implemented from July 2009 through June 2014 when the process will start over again. The affected property owners in Zone 1 were notified July 1, 2009 and have until June 30, 2010 to pump out. Areas outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and further to the south drain toward the Albemarle Sound and are not required to pump out but are encouraged to do so on a regular basis.

As of July 1, 2010, the City will be sending letters to those property owners who live in Zone 2 (Area west of Godwin Boulevard, north of the Route 58 Bypass, along Pruden Boulevard, west to the Isle of Wight county line, and including Joshua Lane and Old Myrtle Road to the south) and who are served by a septic system. The property owners in Zone 2 will have until **June 30, 2011** to get their

tanks pumped out. A copy of the receipt from the hauler as well as the Property Owner's Certification form needs to be returned to the Department of Planning and Community Development in order to ensure compliance with this requirement. This cycle will continue over a 5-year period with letters being mailed out in July of each year for each of the zones. For property owners who have had their tank pumped out within the past 5 years, a copy of the haulers receipt would need to be provided to the City. For newly constructed houses, that are less than 5 years old, owners would only need to let the City know when the house was constructed and the address of the house.

The septic tank pump out program is mandated by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board.

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